

Please amend the application, without prejudice, as follows:

### **IN THE TITLE**

Please amend the title as follows:

IN-GROUND CONTAINER STABILIZER FOR NURSERY ITEMS

### **IN THE CLAIMS**

✓ Please cancel claims 6, 17-20, 22 and 24.

Please replace claims 1, 7, and 23 as amended herewith. The marked changes are shown on the attached pages entitled "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made".

1. A stackable plant support comprising:

an upper ring;

a lower ring;

at least one leg attached to the upper ring and lower ring, the leg adapted to support the upper ring and lower ring and engage the ground, the leg comprising a ledge shaped so as to permit application of a downward force by a plant support user to engage the plant support with the ground, the ledge defined by a bend in said leg, the ledge located below the position where the lower ring attaches to the leg;

wherein said at least one leg is an elongated U-shaped member comprising a closed end and an open end defined by two portions of the U-shaped member;

the upper ring is attached to said at least one leg proximate the closed end such that a loop is formed above the upper ring by the closed end of the leg;

the ends of the two portions of the U-shaped member are adapted to engage the ground; and

*DI*  
*could* the plant support shaped to enclose plants and support plant  
containers. *E*

*D2* 7. The stackable plant support of claim 1 wherein the ledge is defined by  
a bend in the two portions of the U-shaped member. *E*

*D3* 23. A support member for a plant support apparatus, the support member  
comprising:

at least one leg attachable to an upper ring and a lower ring, the leg  
adapted to support the upper ring and lower ring and engage the ground;

the at least one leg comprising a ledge shaped so as to permit  
application of a downward force by a plant support user to engage the plant  
support with the ground;

wherein the ledge is defined by a bend in the at least one leg, the  
ledge located below the position where the lower ring attaches to the at  
least one leg; *E*

wherein said at least one leg is an elongated U-shaped member  
comprising:

a closed end and an open end defined by two portions of the U-  
shaped member;

a portion of the upper ring adapted to attached proximate the  
closed end of said at least one leg such that a loop is formed above the  
upper ring by the closed end of the leg; and

the end of the two portions of the U-shaped member are  
adapted to engage the ground; and

wherein the loop is positioned in a different plane as the two portions  
of the U-shaped member at the open end.